

OACPS Research and Innovation Programme



The pathway to sustainable development

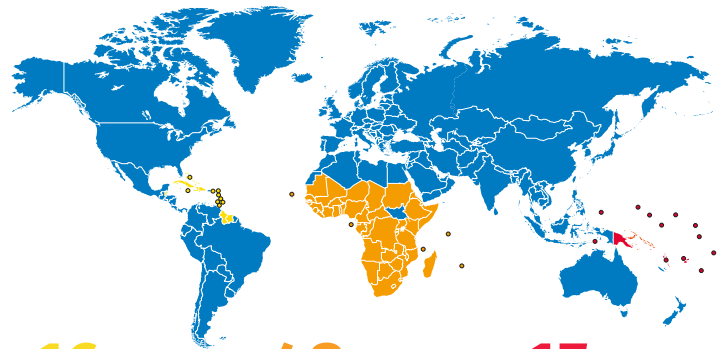
Background

Research and innovation (R&I) are critical to addressing pressing societal and economic challenges, accelerate green transition, create new jobs and businesses, and help reduce poverty.

A growing number of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries are incorporating research and innovation in their national development agendas, but innovation performance remains hindered by inadequate policies and skills development mechanisms.

Despite their differences, the **79 ACP countries** share a great innovative potential that can be harnessed with appropriate funding and the right policy framework conditions.

ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES (OACPS)



16 countries
in the Caribbean

48 countries
in Sub-Saharan
Africa

15 countries
in the Pacific

The OACPS Research and Innovation Programme

Implemented by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and funded by the European Union, the programme aims to:

- ✓ foster a conducive R&I environment across the ACP countries;
- ✓ enhance the quality of their R&I policies and systems;
- ✓ facilitate access to R&I knowledge, transfer and cross-fertilisation among ACP countries;
- ✓ unlock their inclusive innovation potential and support their transition into knowledge-based economies for sustainable and inclusive development.

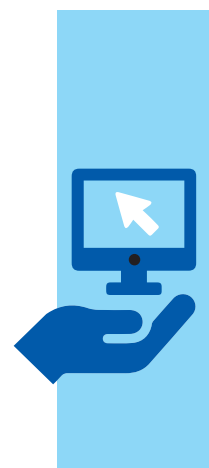
A three-pronged strategic approach



The Innovation Fund



The Policy Support Facility



The web portal

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provides financial support for the implementation of projects advancing solutions in the following areas:

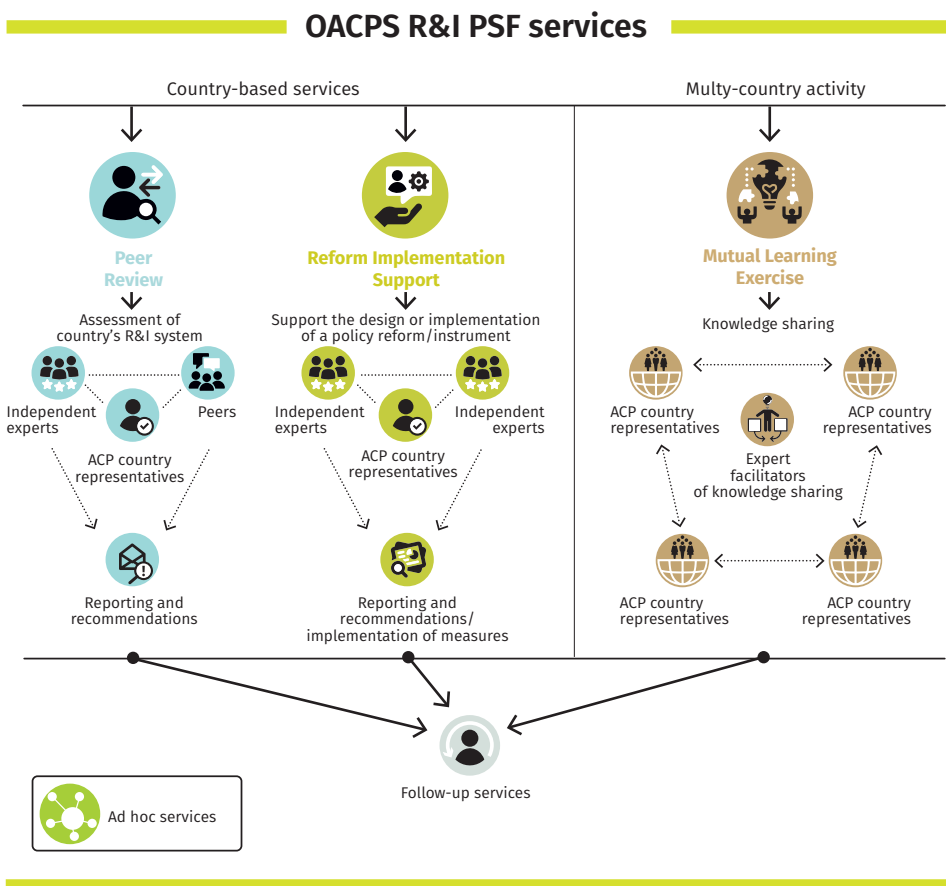
- ✓ Increasing access to digital literacy, knowledge, and the use of emerging technologies;
- ✓ Creating or strengthening effective links between R&I skills development and labour market demand;
- ✓ Establishing or enabling effective synergies in the research and innovation ecosystem, including with the private sector; facilitating conditions for technology transfer; promoting R&I uptake;
- ✓ Promoting local and indigenous knowledge and its use in combination with formal knowledge systems and practices.

The Policy Support Facility

enhances the quality and efficiency of R&I policies, strategies and systems. High-level experts provide tailor-made and on-demand services to ACP national and regional public authorities to improve their policy-making practices.

The web portal

enables R&I professionals from ACP countries to meet, network, and exchange information, experiences and good practices. (www.oacps-ri.eu)




A long-term OACPS- EU partnership in Research and Innovation

The OACPS Research and Innovation Programme is based on the experiences of previous EU-funded initiatives supporting ACP countries in improving their R&I systems, such as the ACP Science and Technology Programme (2008-2018), the ACP Caribbean & Pacific Research Programme for Sustainable Development (2010-2018) and the ACP-EU Cooperation Programme in Higher Education, EDULINK (2006-2018).

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